

## APPENDIX J

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### Sample Resolution to Declare a Water Shortage Emergency



THE CITY COUNCIL  
City of Ceres  
Stanislaus County, California  
Date\_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Water Code Section 350 et seq., the Council has conducted duly noticed public hearings to establish the criteria under which a water shortage emergency may be declared; and,

WHEREAS, the City is the water purveyor for the property owners and inhabitants of Ceres; and,

WHEREAS, the demand for water service is not expected to lessen; and,

WHEREAS, when the combined total amount of water supply available to the City from all sources falls at or below the Stage II triggering levels described in the 1995 Urban Water Management Plan, the City will declare a water shortage emergency. The water supply would not be adequate to meet ordinary demands and requirements of water consumers without depleting the City's water supply to the extent that there may be insufficient water for human consumption, sanitation, fire protection, and environmental requirements. This condition is likely to exist until precipitation and groundwater recharge dramatically increases or until water system damage resulting from a disaster or accident is repaired and normal water service is restored.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Ceres hereby concurs with the City Manager's findings, determination, and conclusions that a water shortage emergency condition exists that threatens the adequacy of the water supply.

FURTHERMORE, the City Manager is directed to determine the appropriate Rationing Stage and implement the City's Water Shortage Emergency Response. Said emergency shall remain in effect until the City's water supply is deemed adequate. After the water system is deemed adequate, the City Council shall terminate the declaration of an emergency at the next regularly-scheduled Council meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council shall periodically conduct proceedings to determine additional restrictions and regulations which may be necessary to safeguard the adequacy of the water supply for domestic, sanitation, fire protection, and environmental requirements.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Ceres City Council at a regular meeting thereof held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk